Project report on the Haldia Petrochemicals

1423. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new project report on the Haldia Petrochemicals has been submitted to the IDBI; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Pandharpur and Solapur Divisions of P&T

1424. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pandharpur and Solapur Divisions of P&T are likely to be detached from Pune Zone and joined to the Aurangabad Zone;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that it will create inconvenience as these areas are near to Pune than to Aurangabad; and

(d) if so, whether Government would change the decision?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a)

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOM

No, Sir. Pandharpur is the Telegraph Sub-Division under Solapur Telecom District. They were neither under the control of Pune Telecom District nor there is any proposal to bring them under the control of Aurangabad Telecom District.

(b) to (d) In view of reply at (a) above, the question does not arise.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

(a) Pandharpur and Solapur Divisions have been detached from Pune Region and attached to Aurangabad Region *w.e.f.* 1-4-88.

(b) The change has been made for redistribution of work amongst available Directors in Maharashtra Circle.

(c) and (d) The matter is being reviewed.

Technical posts in the department of Chemicals

1425. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many technical posts exist in the Department of Chemicals;

(b) whether these posts were to be filled on deputation basis;

(c) how many posts have been filled on regular basis and what arrangements have been made to ensure that an incumbent does not stay on the post for more than three years; and

(d) how many technical posts are lying vacant and since when and what steps have been taken to fill up the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The total number of sanctioned non-ministerial posts is 31.

(b) The method of recruitment prescribed/proposed in the Recruitment Rules envisages filling up of the posts by composite method of promotion/ deputation /transfer/ direct recruitment.

(c) and (d) Out of 31 sanctioned non-ministerial posts, 1 have been filled up on regular basis, 2 by *ad-hoc* arrangements and the process of recruitment to the rest of the 13 vaca-

ncies is at different stages of progress. The **period of deputation** prescribed in the relevant Recruitment Rules is between 3 to 5 years. Continuation beyond the normal period of deputation is subject to the instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

DESU Losses

1426. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of losses so far incurred by the DESU;

(b) whether it is a fact that pilferage of electricity is one of the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is a large scale pilferage/theft of electricity in Shakarpur of Trans Jamuna area;

(d) whether some cases of pilferage/theft of electricity by the inmates of WB-40, 41 and others were recently brought to the notice of the concerned Zonal Office of DESU; if so, what are the reasons for which the theft/pilferage still continues; and

(e) what effective steps are proposed to be taken to streamline/strengthen the working of the Vigilance Department of DESU to prevent such pilferage/theft in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone facility to Occupational Therapists

1427. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from several associations for providing telephone facilities to the Occupational Therapists; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government and by when such facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Representation has been received from The All India Occupational Therapists Association for inclusion of Occupational Therapists under special category for the purpose of registration of their applications for telephone connections. No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Recruitment of Group 'A' posts in the Ministry of Communications

1428. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of vacancies in Group 'A' for direct recruitment which were announced for the years 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 and what is the number of vacancies for the corres-